

AN AJOURNED MEETING OF THE FAUQUIER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD MARCH 5, 1998, AT 7:00 P.M. IN WARRENTON, VIRGINIA.

P R E S E N T Mr. David C. Mangum, Chairman; Mr. Larry L. Weeks, Vice Chairman; Mr. Wilbur W. Burton; Mr. James R. Green, Jr.; Mr. James A. Rankin; Mr. G. Robert Lee, County Administrator; Mr. Paul S. McCulla, County Attorney

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Burton seconded, and the vote for the motion was 4-0 as follows:

Ayes: Mr. David C. Mangum; Mr. Wilbur W. Burton; Mr. James A. Rankin; Mr. Larry L. Weeks
Nays: None
Absent During Vote: Mr. James R. Green, Jr.
Abstention: None

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SIX YEAR PLAN FOR INTERSTATE, PRIMARY AND URBAN HIGHWAY SYSTEMS

Mr. Rankin moved to adopt the following resolution. Mr. Burton seconded, and the vote for the motion was unanimous as follows:

Ayes: Mr. David C. Mangum; Mr. Wilbur W. Burton; Mr. James R. Green, Jr.; Mr. James A. Rankin; Mr. Larry L. Weeks
Nays: None
Absent During Vote: None
Abstention: None

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SIX YEAR PLAN FOR INTERSTATE, PRIMARY AND URBAN HIGHWAY SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation develops annual updates to the Commonwealth's Interstate, Primary and Urban Highway Systems Six Year Plan; and

WHEREAS, Fauquier County has pressing primary road improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Fauquier County Transportation Committee has reviewed the Virginia Department of Transportation's project recommendations for inclusion in the Six Year Plan and has determined five projects which should be the top five priorities of the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors this 5th day of March 1998, That the following projects be, and are hereby, recommended as priorities for inclusion in the Virginia Department of Transportation Six Year Plan for Interstate, Primary and Urban Systems:

1. Route 28 improvements as follows:
From Route 15/29 to the Prince William County line with particular emphasis on right of way and construction at a dangerous curve in the unincorporated community of Midland.
2. Routes 15-29-17: Opal Interchange P.E. and R/W Funding
3. Routes 15-29: Interchange to complete eastern bypass ingress/egress to Town of Warrenton and Corral Farm property (South entrance/exit to Warrenton, Va.)
4. Route 17: Construct left turn lane on existing R/W at:
Route 713
Route 55
Route 724
Route 688
Route 710
5. Routes 15-29-215: Intersectional improvements.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a member of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, be, and is hereby, authorized to present the Board's priorities at the 2 April 1998 Virginia Department of Transportation preallocation hearing.

PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

A public hearing was held to consider the proposed real property tax increase. The following citizens spoke:

Robert Cathell, Cedar Run District, felt any additional tax would be unfair, especially to those citizens on fixed incomes.

Heather Allison, Lee District, expressed concerned about salaries for teachers and not County employees.

Betty Arstino, Lee District, felt that if a tax increase is necessary, it should be distributed equally to School and County employees, and not be used just for School personnel increases. She also expressed interest in the MAI study of a few years ago and inquired as to what happened to it.

Frank Ott, Lee District, indicated that the new assessment figures do not seem to be fair market value, but much higher figures. He expressed that farmers are still raising the same crops, but that taxes are destroying the farmer.

Maxwell Bowen, Lee District, expressed his concern that re-assessment always raises prices for everyone, and that it always seemed to be the same story over and over with taxes being raised as a result of re-assessment.

Arthur House, Marshall District, indicated that his re-assessment was raised over eleven percent (11%), with one parcel over twenty percent (20%). He thought a tax cut would be in order, not a tax increase. Mr. House urged the Board of Supervisor to review the "surplus mode" like the rest of Virginia and the United States has done and consider a tax decrease.

Douglas Combs, Marshall District, expressed his concern about accountability and responsibility. Mr. Combs also expressed his view that there is no reason for a tax increase.

No one else spoke. The public hearing was closed. No action was taken.

There was a reminder from the County Administrator that there will be a Budget Work Session held on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, in the 4th Floor Conference Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.